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INFORMATION FOR NEW MEMBERS 2012

The Leichhardt Espresso Chorus is a vibrant, enthusiastic group of community members who love to sing and make music with a shot of caffeine. We are based in the inner-western Sydney suburb of Leichhardt and rehearse weekly during school terms. Whilst many of our members start out not being able to read music, they certainly have a willingness to learn - and this helps them tackle the diverse repertoire on offer during the year, making our performances so much more exciting.

In **2012** our annual schedule of events includes (but is not limited to!):

- Handel's *Messiah* at Marrickville Town Hall on 25 March
- Concert featuring new Australian music – Commissions by Sally Whitwell and Paul Stanhope are probable; and more! – June
- Moorambilla Music Festival in Coonamble – Touring by coach September 19 to 23 inclusive
- Christmas Concert at the Forum – late November
- Carols on Norton, Leichhardt – The Sunday night before Christmas
- Carolling in Leichhardt & Balmain – fundraising for charity in the week prior to Carols on Norton

When and where

The choir operates on a term basis (based on school terms). The first rehearsals for each term are:

Term 1 – 31st January

Term 2 – 24th April

Term 3 – 17th July

Term 4 – 9th October

Rehearsal takes place every Tuesday during the term from 7pm to 9pm in the Cultural Centre in the Italian Forum, 23 Norton St, Leichhardt (down the stairs and it's the glass doors on the left).

If you want to join us you **must** contact Michelle Leonard, Artistic Director, to determine if a place is available
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New members should join at the first or second rehearsal of a new school term.

Costs

- Membership of the choir is currently \$150 **per school term** and is payable by week 4 of term
- Purchase of a choir T-Shirt may be necessary for certain performances
- Touring choir members are self-funding
- Large works may require music to be purchased
(for further details refer to member fees policy statement on the website)

Administration

Annually, the chorus elects a committee of approximately 6 people who meet regularly to discuss aspects of the choir's management and direction. The meetings are informal and all choir members are welcome to attend. New committee members are elected at the Annual General Meeting and all members of the choir are eligible to nominate and vote (as long as you have paid your fees).

Getting to know each other

There is a regular get together after each rehearsal at a nearby Norton Street bar (usually the Vanilla Room or Moretti's). This is usually a "swift half" (one small glass of wine) but has been known to occasionally develop further into the night!!